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U.S. Poultry Dumping Alleged

In November South Africa's Board of Tariffs and Trade announced an investigation into alleged dumping of certain chicken cuts by U.S. exporters. Several months earlier Rainbow Poultry Ltd., in conjunction with the South African Poultry Association, had filed a petition claiming the cuts were being dumped on the markets of Southern African Customs Union countries, including South Africa, and the local industries were being harmed as a result. Claims were imports of chicken leg quarters from the U.S. undercut the domestic market and were harmful to the South African poultry industry. According to data from the U.S. Department of Commerce, from January through September this year 2,594 metric tons of chicken leg quarters were exported to South Africa.

The USA Poultry & Egg Export Council (USAPEEC) and some of its individual members contacted legal counsel both in the U.S. and in South Africa to try and develop a strategy against the charges of alleged dumping of chicken the U.S. exporters in South Africa. In order to win the case, South Africa must prove that it has been injured by imports.

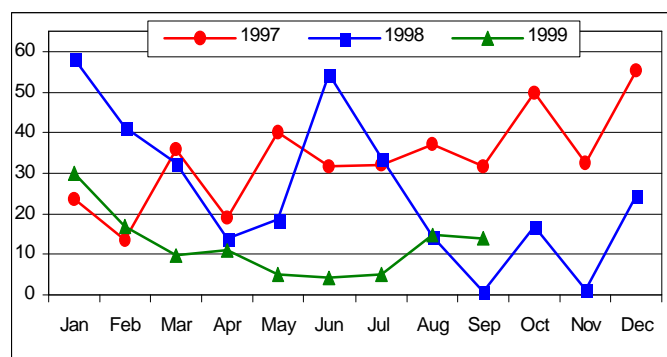
Source: WATTNET Home Page and various sources

Potential Market for Non-GMO Corn and Soybeans

Consumers in the European Union (EU), Japan and other countries have begun to demand that their food be produced without GMO corn and soybeans. This presents a potential problem for U.S. farmers and processors because the EU and Japan are two of the largest markets for U.S. corn and soybeans. In 1998 58 percent of the corn crop went to feed domestic livestock and 17 percent was exported. From 80 to 90 percent of exported corn is fed to livestock.

Source: FAPRI Bulletin, Iowa State University

Frozen Leg Quarters Exported from the U.S. to Russia



In Thousand Metric Tons

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

IEC to Fight EU Hen Directive

The International Egg Commission (IEC) decided at the annual meeting to oppose the EU laying hen Directive that was adopted by the Agriculture Council on June 15, 1999. The Directive would force the EU egg industry to abandon its conventional cage systems for enriched cage systems by January 2012. The IEC opposed the Directive since there was no scientific justification for the Council's decision; customers should have freedom of choice; low-cost egg production should be encouraged due to the growth in world population; and because bird welfare was probably better in cages due to less disease, mortality, feather pecking and cannibalism.

Although it was probably too late to get rid of the Directive, the view of the meeting was that the industry should ensure that the Council take into account these points before the situation is due to be reviewed in the year 2005 and also the EU egg industry should be able to continue to prosper.

Source: The International Egg Commission, Conference 1999

JAPANESE FROZEN BROILER IMPORTS (IN TONS)

	United States	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
1998					
January	8,398	14,330	6,066	8,744	37,538
February	9,086	9,286	6,911	9,491	34,774
March	5,811	13,846	5,615	10,243	35,515
April	9,531	15,652	6,090	10,369	41,642
May	8,722	15,742	5,698	8,953	39,115
June	8,897	19,615	5,669	11,061	45,242
July	7,956	19,049	5,098	10,508	42,611
August	6,855	19,646	5,919	8,916	41,336
Total	65,256	127,166	47,071	78,285	317,778
1999					
January	6,554	15,060	8,078	11,662	41,354
February	10,128	16,275	6,595	10,159	43,157
March	8,333	13,517	3,741	9,434	35,025
April	9,185	16,201	5,691	11,728	42,805
May	9,542	17,792	7,373	9,200	43,907
June	8,315	18,614	8,198	11,380	46,507
July	6,340	18,928	10,378	10,072	45,718
August	9,555	17,025	7,831	10,590	45,001
Total	67,952	133,412	57,885	84,225	343,474

Source: ALIC Monthly statistics

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	247	0	12,248	13,718
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	82	609	708
Total	247	82	12,863	14,476

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	14	10	4,238	3,753
Frozen	0	1	575	198
Dried	0	0	210	235
Total	14	11	5,023	4,186

Inspected Shell Eggs
U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	49	17	1,313	1,399
Extra Large	132	304	40,563	33,067
Large	4,142	4,166	141,768	121,090
Medium	240	954	47,888	59,262
Ungraded	10,770	3,174	592,413	341,142
Misc	900	50	11,622	9,048
Total	16,233	8,665	835,567	565,008

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 03-DEC-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	-	-
WTD AVERAGE		

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	20.25	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	20.25		
81,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00	17.00-22.00	11.00-12.00	13.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	19.50	11.47	14.60

1,413,600 pounds, this includes 434,400 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 27-NOV-99
 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS
HEAD	1,364	846	2,210
LAST WEEK	2,080	1,512	3,592
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,364	919	2,283
TO-DATE/1999	96,629	66,307	162,936
TO-DATE/1998	94,236	59,103	153,339

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS
HEAD	332	7	339
LAST WEEK	409	0	409
SAME WEEK YR AGO	347	0	347
TO-DATE/1999	21,409	256	21,665
TO-DATE/1998	23,463	322	23,785

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS
HEAD	1,696	853	2,549
LAST WEEK	2,489	1,512	4,001
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,711	919	2,630
TO-DATE/1999	118,038	66,563	184,601
TO-DATE/1998	117,699	59,425	177,124

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 03-DEC-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	16.00-17.50	19.50 17.00-18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	19.50 17.46

1,076,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.50	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE		18.50		16.43
600,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-17.50	18.00	13.00-16.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.01	18.00	13.93	14.26

2,324,000 pounds, this includes 1,174,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

DECEMBER 03, 1999

Trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast with trading noted at higher price levels for December shipments. Frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to fully steady with some holding frozen inventories with confidence. Demand fair to good on fresh tom breast meat, fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins and light on wing meat. Trading centered on moderate volumes of fresh tom breast meat and on light volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey. Offerings of fresh tom breast light at best with close trimmed product the strongest, fresh destrapped tenderloins light. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 151 cents delivered prompt.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 03, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50		28.50	160	28.68	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.25	208	29.25	208
TAILS		W	14.00	40	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		80.00	40	20.10	924
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	66.83	480	66.77	1,117

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 02, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50		30.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.25	208
TAILS		W	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.50		21.50	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		66.83	480

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50		28.50	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-29.50		29.25	208
TAILS	14.00		14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-23.00		18.71	308
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-69.00		66.88	490

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	28.50	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	832
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-20.50		20.45	376
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-67.00		66.18	147

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	28.50	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	832
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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